

**City of Maple Heights  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

**Maple Height Senior Center**

**June 7, 2023**

**MEETING CAUCUS**

Council President Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Jones, Tatum, Anderson, Madden and Agee. Councilman Shenett and Councilman Trojanski were absent and excused. Also present were Law Director Frank Consolo, Police Chief Todd Hansen, Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas, Human Services Director Linda Vopat, Service Director Tony Ciresi and Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella Johnson. Mayor Annette M. Blackwell, Finance Director Tinita Tillman, Planning and Development Director Joe Duffy and City Engineer Ed Hren were absent and excused.

Mr. Jackson said that Councilwoman Madden would have the Invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance for tonight's meeting. He also said that there was an Addendum for tonight's meeting and there were minutes for Council to approve.

Moving to the legislation on tonight's meeting Agenda, Mr. Jackson said **Ordinance No. 2023-49** adopting the Alternative Tax Budget Information for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2024 was on Second Reading at tonight's meeting and that **Ordinance No. 2023-52** Amending Sect. 240.05 of the Maple Heights Codified Ordinances would also be on Second Reading.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2023-53** would authorize the Engineer to begin the preparation of plans and specifications and to advertise for bids for the 2023 Pavement Repair Program and asked if there were any additional questions on this legislation.

Councilwoman Jones asked Police Chief Hansen if he could speak about the speed bumps aspect of this Ordinance during the Council Meeting to which Chief Hansen responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions or comments on this legislation. There being no other questions or comments on **Resolution No. 2023-53**, Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote on this Resolution at tonight's meeting.

Moving to **Ordinance No. 2023-54** authorizing the Mayor to request the cooperation of Cuyahoga County for the rehabilitation of the Lee Road Bridge No. 00.77 over Mill Creek, Mr. Jackson asked if there was any further discussion on this legislation. There being no further questions or discussion on **Ordinance No. 2023-54**, Mr. Jackson said if there were no objections, he would ask Council to vote on this legislation at tonight's meeting. There were no objections from Council.

Mr. Jackson said **Ordinance No. 2023-55** providing for Amendment No. 2 dated June 7, 2023 of the City's Annual Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2023 was discussed at Monday's Committee of the Whole Meeting and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions. Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote on this legislation at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2023-56** would authorize Change Order No. 1 for Caves Road Construction Service, increasing the contract by \$12,789.28, for the Detention Center-Phase III Overall Conversion Project and asked if there was any further discussion on this legislation. There being no additional discussion, Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote on **Resolution No. 2023-56** at tonight's meeting.

Moving to **Resolution No. 2023-57** overruling the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission in **Case No. 2023-PZ-10** denying Applicant's request for approval of a Conditional Use Permit to operate a child day care center in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5310 ½ Warrensville Center Road, Mr. Jackson asked if there were any additional questions from Council.

Ms. Jones asked Law Director Consolo to clarify the vote on this Resolution based upon the wording of the Resolution. Ms. Jones asked if a "Yes" vote would overrule the Planning and Zoning Commission decision, to which Mr. Consolo responded in the affirmative. He said the Codified Ordinances required five (5) or more affirmative votes by Council to do this.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2023-58** also involved a Planning and Zoning Appeal. He said this Resolution would overrule the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission in **Case No. 2023-PZ-18** denying the Applicant's request for a Variance to permit the installation of a 10' tall 12v/dc battery sensor (electrified) perimeter security system, 4" to 8" behind the existing perimeter fence on property located in the Central Business District (CBD) Zoning District at 16008 Libby Road.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions on this Resolution. There were no additional question or discussion.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2023-59** recognizing June 2023 as "LGBTQ Pride Month" in the City of Maple Heights would be on First Reading.

Mr. Jackson said there were no Expenditure over \$25,000.00 for review, only two (2) Disclosures of Purchase Orders over \$10,000.00.

Mr. Jackson said there would be a Special Presentation by Councilwoman Agee during her District 7 Council Report and asked if there were any other questions or comments from Council.

There being no other questions or comments, the Caucus Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

### **REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Council President Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Jones, Tatum, Anderson, Madden and Agee. Councilman Shenett and Councilman Trojanski were absent and excused. Also present were Mayor Annette M. Blackwell, Law Director Frank Consolo, Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas, Police Chief Todd Hansen, Human Services Director Linda Vopat, Service Director Tony Ciresi, Planning and Development

Director Joe Duffy and Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella Johnson. Finance Director Tinita Tillman and City Engineer Ed Hren were absent and excused.

Councilwoman Tanglyn Madden gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella Johnson called the roll.

**ADDENDUM:** There being no objections, the Addendum was added to the Agenda for tonight's meeting.

**MINUTES:** Ms. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tatum, to approve the Regular Meeting of Council Minutes of May 3, 2023.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Jones: Abstain; Mr. Tatum: Yes; Ms. Anderson: Yes; Ms. Madden: Yes; Ms. Agee: Yes. The motion passed by the vote of four (4) ayes to zero (0) nays with one (1) abstention.

Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Ms. Anderson, to approve the Regular Meeting of Council Minutes of May 17, 2023.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Jones: Yes; Mr. Tatum: Yes; Ms. Anderson: Yes; Ms. Madden: Yes; Ms. Agee: Yes. The motion passed by the vote of five (5) ayes to zero (0) nays.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** There were no Communications for tonight's meeting:

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** There were no Council Committee Reports for tonight's meeting.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Fire Department** – Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas said the Fire Department calls to date were 2,495 and that the Fire Department responded to the following working structure fires:

- On May 14<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon to 15612 Northwood for a garage fire;
- On May 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 a.m. to 21113 Franklin for two (2) garages and one (1) car on fire;
- On May 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 p.m. at 15608 Mendota for a basement fire;
- On May 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 p.m. to 141 Willis in Bedford for a semi and commercial garage on fire;
- On May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. to 5508 Grasmere for a garage fire;
- On June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:16 p.m. to 5165 Camden Road for a basement fire with initial reports stating that two (2) persons were trapped, but all escaped prior to Fire Department arrival;
- On June 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:40 a.m. to 5832 Marra in Bedford Heights for a garage fire.

The Fire Chief reported that in all cases luckily there had been no injuries to civilians or first responders.

Fire Chief Kavaliunas said that hydrant flushing in the City will continue for at least the next week until all 1,200 or so hydrants have been checked.

The Fire Chief reminded everyone to be careful since it has been unseasonably warm, windy and dry. Fire Chief Kavaliunas said the Fire Department was responding to small mulch and grass fires almost daily. He said no open burning will be tolerated and that approved outdoor fires in approved containers should be closely monitored or completely avoided during this time.

Fire Chief Kavaliunas concluded his report by advising people with respiratory illnesses to be careful and to stay indoors because of the smoke in the atmosphere from the Canadian forest fires. He said the areas of Manhattan and New York were severely affected by the smoke. The Fire Chief said hopefully it will rain soon and cleanse the atmosphere.

**Law Department** – Law Director Mr. Frank Consolo said he wanted to update everyone regarding litigation the City was currently involved with including a wrongful death lawsuit filed by the Catchings family. He said NORMA, which was the insurance consortium that the City was a member of, had appointed an attorney to represent the City in this matter. Mr. Consolo said he will be meeting with this attorney.

Mr. Consolo said in about ten (10) days he will be attending a Case Management Conference regarding a case filed against the City by a property owner residing in Colorado regarding the 2015 demolition of a house the Plaintiff owned allegedly approved by the City of Maple Heights. Mr. Consolo said this case will likely be dismissed.

Mr. Consolo said the Law Department was working to resolve an Ohio Civil Rights Matter regarding a misunderstanding with a former employee that included ongoing public records requests.

Mr. Consolo said he wanted to thank Council Members Shenett, Jones and Agee for the recent meeting they participated in with Mr. Consolo and a City resident regarding some of the problems with condos that the City had been dealing with and that had recently been talked about in an earlier Law Department Report.

**Police Department** – Police Chief Todd Hansen reported that the Police Department has responded to approximately 12,350 calls for service to date and that the volume of calls has been steadily rising. The Police Chief said Police Officers were handling just under 90 calls a day and that the Police Department took 17 guns off the streets last month. Police Chief Hansen said the Police Department took 3 guns off the streets so far in June. He said the traffic ticket count was also up for last month.

Police Chief Hansen announced that the new speed sign that had been tested on Lee Road outside the Police Station will be moved to its first location on Waterbury Avenue in District 5.

The Police Chief said he was also pleased to announce that two (2) new Police Officers will be starting this month. He said one new hire was a lateral transfer from Newburgh Heights who started last week and the other Officer, who was another lateral transfer, will be starting on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Police Chief Hansen said he attended a meeting with Council Members Agee and Shenett and the Command Staff of RTA regarding issues at the RTA station at Southgate. He thanked Ms. Agee and Mr. Shenett for including him in this meeting since it was important to work with other police agencies.

Police Chief Hansen said since the Police Department had had an intern from Trinity High School, he enjoyed the opportunity to speak with the student interns at Trinity High School. The Police Chief said he also attended the recent District 4 and District 6 Town Hall Meeting that went well.

Police Chief Hansen said he also attended a Domestic Violence Symposium at CSU that included a number of participants and offered much good information.

Police Chief Hansen concluded his report by thanking American Legion Post 309 Commander Mr. Al Glontz for the Memorial Day Service that was held at City Hall on May 29<sup>th</sup>. He said it was an inspiring event.

**Human Services Department** – Human Services Director Mrs. Linda Vopat, reported that for the month of May, the Department of Human Services provided 791 congregate meals and home delivered approximately 1,671 meals. She said the Department of Human Services registered 11 new meal clients during this time.

With regards to the transportation services, Mrs. Vopat reported that the Department of Human Services completed 630 one-way trips including those for clients aged 60+ or disabled under the age of 60.

Mrs. Vopat said during the month of May the Human Services Department handled 35 social services calls, including calls for housing assistance, HEAP, Medicare and Medicaid.

Mrs. Vopat reported that the Maple Heights Food Pantry served an average of 583 families and registered 15 new clients for the Food Pantry. She said that the Maple Heights Mobile Farmers' Market distributed approximately 6,738 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables to approximately 150 families.

Mrs. Vopat said she attended the recent Cleveland Clinic Community Advisory Meetings that were held at both South Pointe Hospital and Marymount Hospital.

Mrs. Vopat said she was pleased to announce that the first Music In the Park concert featuring After Thought & the Nu Soul Band will be held next Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at Stafford Park from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. She said the concert series will also feature Kevin Conwell & The Footprints on July 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30p.m.; the band Forecast on August 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and lastly Erin Nicole Neal on August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Vopat said food will be available for purchase during the concerts.

Mrs. Vopat concluded her report by thanking NOPEC, QCI and UH Ahuja Medical Center for sponsoring this year's Music in the Park Concert Series.

**Finance Department** – Mayor Blackwell, on behalf of Finance Director Ms. Tinita Tillman announced that there will be an Audit Committee Meeting held on June 22, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Council Chambers at City Hall.

The Mayor said due to new financial software starting to be used by the Finance Department the monthly reports were not able to be printed at this time, so the reports will be distributed later. Mayor Blackwell said she had been advised by Ms. Tillman that all funds were positive.

**Service Department** – Service Director Mr. Tony Ciresi said for the past 7 to 10 days Service Department staff have been busy cutting grass and cleaning the parks, especially at Stafford Park and Southgate Park. He said there was a tremendous amount of trash at these parks since vandals tipped over all the trash containers.

Mr. Ciresi said the Service Department has had the street sweeper out on a regular basis and that he was hoping to start the Cleveland Water Department dig jobs in the next week or two so they can hopefully be completed before the end of the season.

Mr. Ciresi announced that the Service Department was still looking to hire an Animal Warden and laborers.

Mr. Ciresi concluded his report by thanking Mr. Glontz for his service to the City as Commander of American Legion Post 309 and for all his work on the Memorial Day Ceremony. Mr. Ciresi said that for at least 25 years he has worked with Mr. Glontz on the Memorial Day Parades and Ceremonies and that he wanted to honor Mr. Glontz for his hard work and dedication.

**Planning and Development Director** -- Planning and Development Director Mr. Joe Duffy announced that the City of Maple Heights received notice from the Cuyahoga County Department of Development that the City was the recipient of the \$50,000.00 CDSG grant requested for the Home Exterior Repair Grant Program. He said Housing Administrator Thomas was now accepting applications for the Home Repair Grant Program. Mr. Duffy said applications can be downloaded online at the City's website and that he would recommend that residents read all of the requirements of this grant program.

Mr. Duffy said he was also happy to announce that the City has interviewed as a finalist for a \$7,500.00 Placemaking Grant from the Akron Cleveland Association of Realtors that would allow for the installation of attractive lighting at the Libby-Lee Road Pocket Park that had formerly been a gas station. Mr. Duffy said the new lighting would improve safety and would make for a more inviting public space for people waiting at the transit shelter.

In regards to the area of Economic Development, Mr. Duffy said the City has joined the Cuyahoga East Chamber of Commerce and will be forming a Maple Heights specific chapter. He said the City will be working with Dollar Bank and staff to coordinate the launch of this new organization. He said large and small businesses in Maple Heights were welcome.

Mr. Duffy concluded his report by announcing that the City has hired Ms. Pequita Hansberry as Community Development Manager to help the Planning and Development Department. Mr.

Duffy said Ms. Hansberry had a variety of experience working at the Maple Heights Food Pantry and also as a Member of the Planning and Zoning Commission. He said Ms. Hansberry has also worked for the City of Warrensville Heights and Cuyahoga County.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS:** Started at 7:19 p.m.

Ms. Dolores Catchings of Cleveland, Ohio, said the Catchings family was still hurting and that she was sick of this. She said the Mayor never admitted her mistake, not one time and that that was all they were looking for. Ms. Catchings said the City gave this Officer another chance. She said no one got punished for her nephew's death. Ms. Catchings said she wanted us to know that she was hurting real bad.

Ms. Joanne Majoros residing at 14408 Tokay Avenue asked if there could be additional police patrols since there were a lot of basketball hoops in the streets, etc.

Ms. Majoros said the City had many old trees but that she did not want to see them destroyed. She asked if there were any grants available or if there would be an opportunity to plant more trees to help beautify the streets.

In response, Mayor Blackwell said the City had received a \$43,000.00 tree canopy grant that the City used to plant trees where there were not a lot of trees. The Mayor said many people did not want the trees on their tree lawns. She said the grant program for 2023 has passed but suggested that the resident talk with the Service Director after the meeting.

Ms. Janie Allen of Clare Avenue said she has been a resident of Maple Heights for 34 ½ years and that she had a complaint about the murals on the side of the building of the Vibe City Smoke Shop located on Northfield Road and the corner of Clare Avenue. Ms. Allen said the murals were getting bigger and contained drawings that did not belong in a neighborhood or residential area. She said this will reduce the quality of life for residents in this area and affect their health. Ms. Allen said the residents of Clare Avenue have been disrespected. She said they want green space and a clean area. She said most vape shops were usually in commercial areas and not residential ones.

Ms. Destiny Brown of Camden Avenue said there was an epidemic among civilian citizens that was not getting better. She said it was becoming gangs vs. citizens. Ms. Brown said this was not promoting unity. She also stated that problems residents may have due to higher utility bills or poor contractor repairs affect the community.

Citizens Comments closed at 7:32 p.m.

**LEGISLATION:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-49**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET INFORMATION OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING**

**JANUARY 1, 2024; SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE BUDGET COMMISSION OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

This Ordinance was on Second Reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-52**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 240.05 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL FOR EXPENDITURES OVER TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

This Ordinance was on Second Reading.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-53**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENGINEER TO BEGIN THE PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR PAVEMENT REPAIRS ON VARIOUS STREETS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Ms. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones, to suspend the rules and pass this Resolution on emergency. Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions or discussion on this legislation.

There being no questions or discussion, Mr. Jackson asked for the vote to suspend the rules and pass this Resolution on emergency. On the motion to suspend the rules and pass this Resolution on emergency, all voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed.

Mr. Jackson asked if there was any discussion on this Resolution. There being no additional discussion, Mr. Jackson asked for the vote for passage on emergency.

ROLL CALL on the vote for passage on emergency: Madden: Yes; Agee: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: Yes. Anderson: Yes; The motion passed by the vote of five (5) ayes to zero (0) nays. The Resolution passed on emergency and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-54**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO REQUEST THE COOPERATION OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY FOR THE REHABILITATION OF LEE ROAD BRIDGE NO. 00.77 OVER MILL CREEK IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tatum, to suspend the rules and pass this Ordinance on emergency. Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions or discussion on this legislation.



There being no questions or discussion, Mr. Jackson asked for the vote to suspend the rules and pass this Ordinance on emergency. On the motion to suspend the rules and pass this Ordinance on emergency, all voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed.

Mr. Jackson asked if there was any discussion on this Ordinance. There being no additional discussion, Mr. Jackson asked for the vote for passage on emergency.

ROLL CALL on the vote for passage on emergency: Madden: Yes; Agee: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: Yes. Anderson: Yes; The motion passed by the vote of five (5) ayes to zero (0) nays. The Ordinance passed on emergency and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-55**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT NO. 2 DATED JUNE 7, 2023 OF THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tatum, to suspend the rules and pass this Ordinance on emergency. Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions or discussion on this legislation.

There being no questions or discussion, Mr. Jackson asked for the vote to suspend the rules and pass this Ordinance on emergency. On the motion to suspend the rules and pass this Ordinance on emergency, all voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed.

Mr. Jackson asked if there was any discussion on this Ordinance. There being no additional discussion, Mr. Jackson asked for the vote for passage on emergency.

ROLL CALL on the vote for passage on emergency: Madden: Yes; Agee: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: Yes. Anderson: Yes; The motion passed by the vote of five (5) ayes to zero (0) nays. The Ordinance passed on emergency and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-56**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR CAVES ROAD CONSTRUCTION SERVICE, INCREASING THE CONTRACT BY \$12,789.28, FOR THE DETENTION CENTER – PHASE III OVERALL CONVERSION PROJECT IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Ms. Anderson, to suspend the rules and pass this Resolution on emergency. Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions or discussion on this legislation.

There being no questions or discussion, Mr. Jackson asked for the vote to suspend the rules and pass this Resolution on emergency. On the motion to suspend the rules and pass this Resolution on emergency, all voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed.

Mr. Jackson asked if there was any discussion on this Resolution. There being no additional discussion, Mr. Jackson asked for the vote for passage on emergency.

ROLL CALL on the vote for passage on emergency: Madden: Yes; Agee: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: Yes. Anderson: Yes; The motion passed by the vote of five (5) ayes to zero (0) nays. The Resolution passed on emergency and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-57**

**A RESOLUTION OVERRULING THE DECISION BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2023-PZ-10 TO DENY THE APPLICATION OF MICHELLE BEDEN-PAYNE FOR APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT UNDER SECTS. 1278.04(H) AND 1298.28(G) OF THE MAPLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO OPERATE A CHILD DAY CARE CENTER IN A NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (NC) ZONING DISTRICT AT 5310 ½ WARRENSVILLE CENTER ROAD, MAPLE HEIGHTS, OHIO.**

Ms. Agee made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones, to approve **Resolution No. 2023-57**.

ROLL CALL on the Motion to approve this Resolution: Madden: Yes; Agee: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: Yes. Anderson: Yes; The motion to overrule **Case No. 2023-PZ-10** passed by the vote of five (5) ayes to zero (0) nays and pursuant to Sect. 1262.03(F) of the MH Codified Ordinances this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage by Council. The decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission in **Case No. 2023-PZ-10** has been overruled.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-58**

**A RESOLUTION OVERRULING THE DECISION BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2023-PZ-18 TO DENY THE APPLICATION OF MICHELLE AFFRONTI OF AMAROK, LLC REQUESTING A VARIANCE FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECT. 1298.19(D)(3)(F) OF THE MAPLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PERMIT THE INSTALLATION OF A 10' TALL 12V/DC BATTERY SENSOR (ELECTRIFIED) PERIMETER SECURITY SYSTEM, 4" TO 8" BEHIND THE EXISTING PERIMETER FENCE ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD) ZONING DISTRICT AT 16008 LIBBY ROAD, MAPLE HEIGHTS, OHIO.**

Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tatum, to approve **Resolution No. 2023-58**.

ROLL CALL on the Motion to approve this Resolution: Madden: No; Agee: No; Jones: No; Tatum: No; Anderson: No. The motion to overrule **Case No. 2023-PZ-18** failed by the vote of five (5) nays to zero (0) ayes. The decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission in **Case No. 2023-PZ-18** will stand.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-59**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE 2023 AS “LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH” IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

This Resolution was on First Reading.

**EXPENDITURES OVER \$25,000.00:**

Mr. Jackson said there were no Expenditure over \$25,000.00 for review at tonight’s meeting, only two (2) Disclosures of Purchase Orders over \$10,000.00.

**MAYOR’S REPORT:** Mayor Blackwell said she just wanted to add to Mrs. Vopat’s announcement about the first Music In The Park Concert scheduled for Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor said she wanted to invite everyone to attend the Kindland Organization Award Ceremony that will be held on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Stafford Park immediately before the concert. Mayor Blackwell said the City was very honored to receive the 2023 Kindland of Northeast Ohio Mayors’ Kindness Challenge First Place Award from Kindland Corporation. The Mayor said the company had challenged all 59 Mayors in our area to encourage kindness in their communities.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Councilwoman Tanglyn Madden, District 5** said she was very pleased that the bids would be going out for the 2023 Pavement Repair Program and that several streets in District 5 will be repaired this year.

Ms. Madden reported that the slide at Cunwillow Park had been damaged and that the Service Department was working to repair the damage.

Ms. Madden said she has received a number of complaints regarding high grass and the delay in getting the grass cut. She asked residents to be patient with the procedure.

Ms. Madden said she has also received a number of calls regarding speeding in the City and asked residents to please watch their speed and follow the speed limits. She said with the nice weather children will be playing outside, so please slow down.

Ms. Madden concluded her report by wishing a Happy Father’s Day to all the fathers and said she hoped all of them have a Blessed and Happy Father’s Day.

**Councilwoman Edwina Agee, District 7** had a Special Presentation during her Report to recognize the following three (3) Maple Heights students for their academic achievements and community service work:

Mr. Cameron Banks who graduated from St. Ignatius High School with a 3.3 GPA and who has volunteered at different activities in District 7 including the monthly food distributions. He will be attending the University of Cincinnati to pursue a degree in cyber security.

Mr. Noah Cunningham who graduated from St. Benedict's Catholic School with a 3.9 GPA and First Honors. He will be attending Holy Name High School where he plans to continue his academic work and be involved in sports.

Ms. Apryl Rose Mines who graduated from Maple Heights High School and was the recipient of the First Annual Chaplain Kevin James Kick-It For Success Scholarship. She will be attending the University of Cincinnati to pursue a degree in information technology for a career in video game design.

**Councilwoman Toni Jones, District 2** thanked Council for passing the legislation for the Pavement Repair Program and said District 2 will have East and West Glenn, Glenwood, and Eastwood repaired under this year's program.

Ms. Jones also thanked the Mayor and the Service Director for the first picnic tables to be installed at Southgate Park.

**Councilman Timothy Tatum, District 3** thanked Mr. Carrington in the Building Department and Service Director Ciresi for their assistance with a problem in his District.

Mr. Tatum said Pease Road was one of the streets in District 3 scheduled for repair this year.

Mr. Tatum announced that the next District 3 Chat and Chew discussing the State of the City will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at the Maple Heights Library from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm. and that the First Annual District 3 Picnic was being planned.

Mr. Tatum concluded his report by wishing everyone a Blessed Evening.

**Councilwoman Dana D. Anderson, District 4** said the recent District 4 and District 6 Town Hall Meeting was well-attended and that she wanted to thank the Mayor and Police Chief Hansen for participating in it.

Ms. Anderson announced that there will be a Cleveland Clinic Employment Resource Fair on Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at Marymount Hospital located at 12300 McCracken Road. She said there were a number of open positions.

**Council President Ron Jackson** said this evening Council passed legislation to authorize the plans for the 2023 Pavement Repair Program. He said last year the City spent \$1.2 million dollars on road repairs and that this year the amount will be doubled to \$2.4 or \$2.5 million dollars.

Mr. Jackson concluded his report by thanking everyone who attended tonight's meeting and said he hoped to see everyone at the Music In The Park Concert.

There being no further business to come before this Council, Council President Jackson thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Dated: July 5, 2023

ATTEST:

S/S Leonette Cicirella Johnson  
Leonette Cicirella Johnson Clerk of Council